



SECRETARY OF THE STATE
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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING STATEWIDE AND MULTI-TOWN DISTRICT PRIMARY PETITIONS – 2004

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❑ Connecticut Public Act No. 03-241, sometimes called the “Direct Primary Law” allows a candidate for a Statewide or Multi-Town District Office to get on the August 10, 2004 Democratic or Republican primary ballot by circulating primary petitions.
- ❑ In 2004, Connecticut Public Act No. 03-241 applies only to U.S. Senator (Statewide), Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative (Multi-Town Districts).
- ❑ The number of signatures required to be collected for each petition will be given to each applicant at the time of application. For U.S. Senator and Representative in Congress the number of signatures required to be collected is 2% of the number of active enrolled party members in the State (for U.S. Senator) or the Congressional District. For State Senator and State Representative the number of signatures required to be collected is 5% of the number of active enrolled party members in the applicable State Senate or Representative District.

PETITION AVAILABILITY

- ❑ Primary petitions for U.S. Senator and Representative in Congress are available from the Secretary of the State on April 27, 2004.
- ❑ Primary petitions for all State Senate districts and State Representative districts composed of parts of 2 or more towns are available from the Secretary of the State on *the day following the close of the district convention for such office.* If no such convention was held or endorsement made, primary petitions are available the day after the close of the endorsement period.
- ❑ Primary petitions for State Representative districts located entirely within one town are not available from the Secretary of the State and can only be obtained from the registrar of voters in the town in which the district is located.

PETITION FILING DEADLINES

- ❑ Primary petitions are due to the registrar of voters in the town in which the page was circulated on the 14th day following the close of the convention held for the particular office for which you are circulating the petition. If no such convention was held or endorsement made, the primary petitions are due on the 14th day following the close of the endorsement period. If the 14th day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, such petitions are due on the next business day following such Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

WARNINGS

- ❑ Primary petitions for State Representative and State Senator are only available after the close of the convention held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such office. It is extremely important that prior to application, an individual ensure that the relevant convention has closed. You may wish to contact the registrar of voters, town chairperson, convention chairperson or a person who actually attended the convention in question to confirm that the convention has actually closed. If primary petitions for a particular office are issued before the relevant convention has closed, such petitions may be invalid.
- ❑ Primary petitions are due on the 14th day following the close of the convention held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such office.
- ❑ Although this office is notified by each State Central Committee of the convention dates for all offices, conventions are often postponed or recessed at the local level without notification to the State Central Committees or the Secretary of the State. Therefore, it is very important that each candidate independently verify the closing date of the relevant convention to ensure strict compliance with petition availability and deadline timeframes.

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